

**Forest Land-Thane, Palghar &
Mumbai Suburban**

Diversion of 131.302 ha. (final area 129.7197 ha.) Forest land in favour of National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) for construction of Mumbai – Ahmadabad High Speed Railway Project in Thane, Palghar and Mumbai Suburban Districts in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.FLD-2019/C.R.63/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032.
Date:- 27.07.2023.**

Reference:-

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID- 12685/2129/18-19, dt.11.02.2019.
- 2) Government of Maharashtra, Letter No. FLD-2019/CR-63/F-10, dt. 13.02.2019.
- 3) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No.FC-III/MH-38/2018-NGP/5188, dt. 10.04.2019.
- 4) Government of Maharashtra, Letter No. FLD-2019/CR-63/F-10, dt. 20.07.2022
- 5) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No.FC-III/MH-38/2018-NGP/10183, dt. 18.08.2022.
- 6) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/ Thane/ID-12685/(67)/420/2022-23, dt.15.05.2023.

Order:-

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for diversion of 131.302 ha. forest land for construction of Mumbai – Ahmadabad High Speed Railway Project in Thane, Palghar and Mumbai Suburban Districts in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted proposal to Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 131.302 ha. Forest Land for the above project under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letter under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of India;

AND whereas, the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no. 5 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the of 131.302 ha. (final area 129.7197 ha.) forest land in favour of National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) for construction of Mumbai – Ahmadabad High Speed Railway Project in Thane, Palghar and Mumbai Suburban Districts in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.6 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 131.302 ha. (final area 129.7197 ha.) consisting of Protected forest, Reserved forest, Mangrove forest / notified, Private forest, Mangrove Unclassified forest Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. Deputy General Manager, National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), New Delhi, for construction of Mumbai – Ahmadabad High Speed Railway Project in Thane, Palghar and Mumbai Suburban Districts in the State of Maharashtra.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letters dated 10.04.2019 and dated 18.08.2022 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. If the number of Trees / Mangrove trees to be felled increases during implementation of the project, user agency shall obtain prior permission from Central Government and Hon'ble High Court accordingly.
2. Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall ensure that the project is being implemented only on forest land for which Central Government has granted forest clearance.
3. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, referred above. The Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
4. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Regional Office, MoEF&CC letters dated 10.04.2019 and dated 18.08.2022, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

5. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall report through the State Government to the Regional Officer (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 .

SCHEDULE

Abstract of Proposed land					
S. N o.	Division	Area as per Original Proposal	Reduction in Areas due to realignment	Increase in area due to realignment	Revised Proposed area
1	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) = (3-4+5)
1	Thane	54.1259	(-) 4.5914	----	49.5345
2	Dahanu	68.6644	----	(+)3.0092	71.6736
3	Mangrove Cell	8.3978	----	----	8.3978
4	SGNP Borivali	0.1138	----	----	0.1138
Total		131.3019	(-) 4.5914	(+)3.0092	129.7197

This Government Order is available on Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with Reference No. 202307271320074119 This order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
3. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
5. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Mangrove), Mumbai.

8. Collector, Thane / Palghar / Mumbai Suburban.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Thane / Palghar
10. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane.
11. Chief Conservator of Forests & Director, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali.
12. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane & Dahanu.
13. Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai.
14. Deputy General Manager, National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), New Delhi,
15. Select File F-10.

I. Collector- Thane / Palghar / Mumbai Suburban and Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Thane / Palghar are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.

II. Deputy General Manager, National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), New Delhi is hereby directed to publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc. and along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the Central Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Conservator of Forests (T), Thane.

III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.